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SUBJECT: KIEV PROPERTIES

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1. EMBASSY AGREES TO KNOOP/GRIMES VISIT BEGINNING AUGUST 22. WE WOULD POINT OUT HOWEVER THAT WE SEE POINTS OF DIFFERENCE AT STRELETSKAYA AND GORKIY AS NOT TECHNICAL, BUT BASIC ISSUES. IF WE ARE NOT FAR APART ON STRELETSKAYA TERRITORY, IT IS BECAUSE WE HAVE COMPROMISED, FOR WE HAVE BEEN TOLD SINCE EARLY JUNE THAT SOVIET POSITION ON STRELETSKAYA IS FINAL AND NOT NEGOTIABLE. LIKEWISE, SOVIET REFUSAL ON OUR CHOICE OF ENTRY AND FLOORS AT GORKIY IS A METTER OF NO FLEXIBILITY ON THEIR PARTY.

2. IN ORDER FOR SOVIETS NOT TO PERCEIVE ARCHITECT'S VISIT TO KIEV AS INDICATION OF OUR GIVING WAY ON THESE ISSUES, AND TO FORCE SOME FLEXIBILITY INTO SOVIET POSITIONS, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND EXPRESSION BY DEPARTMENT TO SOVIET EMBASSY OF ITS EXPECTATION THAT THIS LAST EFFORT TO SOLVE REMAINING KIEV PROBLEMS WILL BE FRUITFUL, THAT CONTINUING FAILURE BY SOVIET SIDE TO NEGOTIATE COULD RESULT IN RECONSIDERATION OF SOVIET PRESENCE IN NEW YORK. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO DO SAME AT MFA.

3. IN KIEV, KNOOP'S INSPECTION OF WORK AT FLORENTSIYA AND CONSULTATION ON SOVIET RECOMMENDED TECHNICAL CHANGES WOULD BE USEFUL. WE ALSO THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF HE TAKES A CLOSE LOOK AT STRELETSKAYA AND GORKIY BUILDINGS WITH AN EYE TO SPOTTING POTENTIAL TECHNICAL PROBLEMS. WE WILL REITERATE REQUEST FOR MEETING FOR KNOOP WITH TECHNICAL

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SPECIALISTS ON STRELETSKAYA, BUT WOULD CAUTION THAT THEY HAVE

PROBABLY NOT YET FULLY STUDIED PLANS, WHICH WILL HAVE BEEN IN THEIR HANDS ONLY THREE WEEKS. WE NOTE ALSO THAT THIS IS HOLIDAY PERIOD PROBABLY FOR MANY OF THOSE INVOLVED.

4. IN SUM, EMBASSY WELCOMES KNOOP VISIT, BUT THERE IS DANGER WE MAY ADOPT OPTION E (REFTEL B) BY DEFAULT -- IF WE DO NOT PREFACE VISIT WITH CANDID EXPLANATION TO SOVIETS, BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW, THAT KNOOP VISIT REPRESENTS OUR FINAL EFFORT TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING ISSUES, AND OF THE FALLOUT THAT COULD RESULT FROM KIEV AUTHORITIES FURTHER INTRANSIGENCE.

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